# **Chapter 5: Inventory**

In order to plan for future recreational trail needs in Nevada, it is important to have comprehensive information for the trails that exist in the state. In 2003, Nevada Division of State Parks staff started working to develop a statewide trail inventory for Nevada. The goal of this project is to develop a database of trail information that can be used by government agencies, local entities and recreation users for management purposes and trip planning.

A Geographic Information System (GIS) was used to develop the trail inventory database. GIS is a system of hardware and software used to manipulate, store, retrieve, view and analyze spatial data. All features in a spatial database are comprised of graphic elements (points, lines, or polygons) linked to a table that uniquely identifies each feature and its location in a coordinate system. Data can be mapped and analyzed, and linked to attribute data.

The first phase of the trail inventory consisted of mapping the trails administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks. Phase 2 will provide for the mapping of trails and trailheads funded by the Recreational Trails Program. Phase 3 consists of acquiring GIS data for trails administered by the federal agencies and Phase 4 will consist of acquiring GIS data for trails administered by local municipalities.

This chapter provides a summary of the results of the trail inventory for NDSP administered trails. All of the following layouts were created using ESRI ArcMap 8.3 software. The coordinate system used to project the data is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), North American Datum 83, Zone 11 North. Also provided in this chapter is a summary of the trail projects funded by the Recreational Trails Program.

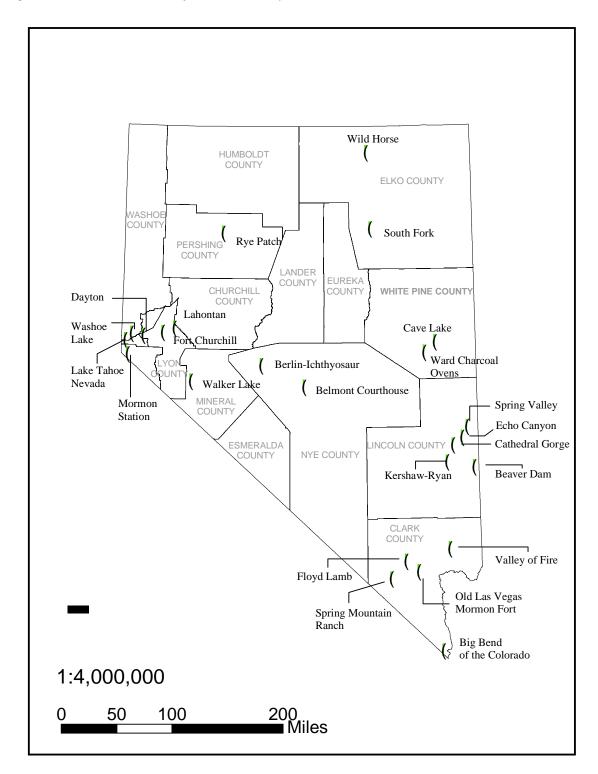
## **NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

The Division of State Parks administers 24 state park units in Nevada (Figure 1). The units range in size from the small two-acre Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site to the 35,300 acre Valley of Fire State Park and the 30,522 acre Lahontan State Recreation Area. Within the State Park System, there are 13 state parks, 6 state recreation areas, 4 state historical parks and 1 state historic site.

The State of Nevada owns 77,585 acres of the 132,800 acres of land managed by the Nevada Division of State Parks. The remaining 55,215 acres are federal lands managed by the NDSP. The 132,800 acres are comprised of 29,801 acres of water and 102,999 acres of land.

One hundred thirty-nine (139) trails are identified in twenty (20) state parks, with a total length of over 271 miles. The minimum trail length is 0.03 miles, the maximum trail length is 15.10 miles and the average trail length is 1.95 miles. The following section summarizes the trails located in the Nevada State Park System and also summarizes the trails and routes that can be used to access trails within the Nevada State Park System.

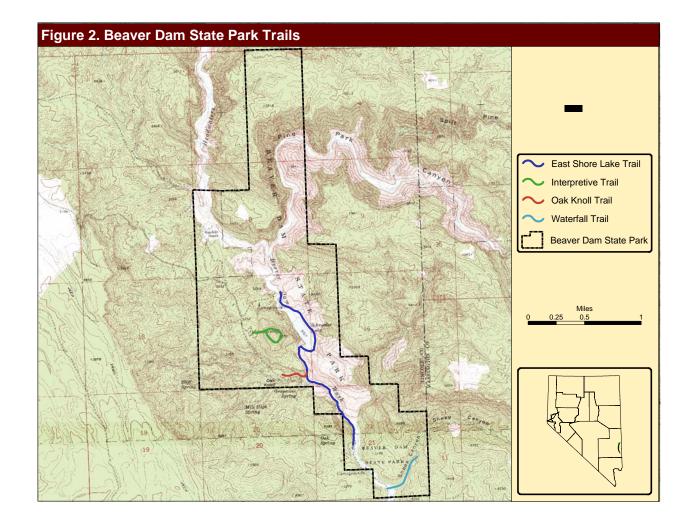
Figure 1. Nevada Division of State Parks System



## **BEAVER DAM STATE PARK**

Beaver Dam State Park is Eastern
Nevada's most remote park, and is a
popular area for hikers and nature
enthusiasts who enjoy its primitive and
rustic character. Deep canyons, pinyon
and juniper forests, a flowing stream and
a small reservoir are the primary
features, offering fishing, camping,
picnicking, hiking, photography and

nature study. Facilities include campgrounds, a group use area, a day-use picnic area, hiking and interpretive trails, and hiking access to the reservoir (boats are not recommended). Beaver Dam is open year-round, weather permitting, but travel is not advised during winter months.



Situated in rugged canyon country, this 2,393-acre park is located approximately 34 miles east of Caliente adjacent to the Utah border. Motorists can reach the park by driving six miles north of Caliente on U.S. 93, then 28 miles east on a graded gravel road that leads to the park entrance. The park sits at an elevation of 5,000 feet. Vehicles and trailers over 25 feet long are not recommended because of switchbacks on the road to the park.

Weather is highly seasonal with wide variations in temperature. Summertime temperatures range from 95°F by midday and drop to 50°F at night. Although the park is open year-round, harsh winter conditions with heavy snowfalls and temperatures dropping below zero limit access. During winter months, only vehicles with four wheel drive are recommended. Rainfall is variable, with thunderstorms common in July and August.

Four developed trails are available at Beaver Dam with a total length of 3.09 miles (Table 15). The Interpretive Trail leads from Campground #2 to the lake view overlook. The one-mile Waterfall Trail begins at the park's south boundary. The East Shore Lake Trail begins in the picnic area, leads to the dam and continues to the primitive campground. Finally, the Oak Knoll Trail begins at Oak Knoll and leads to the creek below the dam where it joins the East Shore Lake Trail.

Table 15. Characteristics of trails located in Beaver Dam State Park

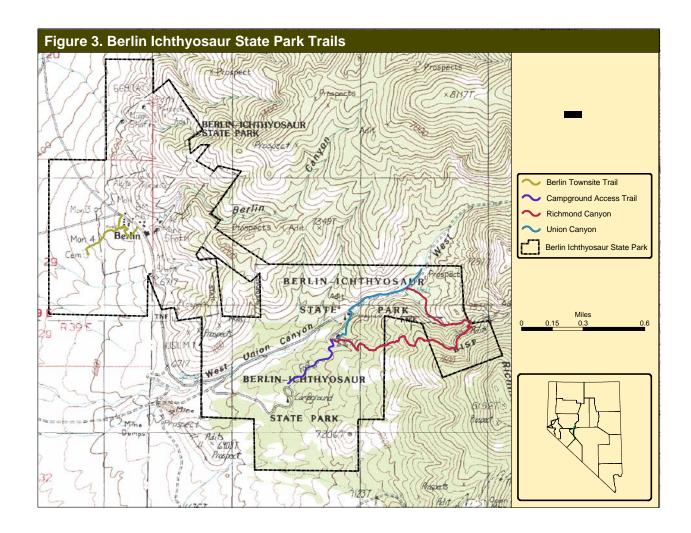
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
East Shore Lake Trail	1.90	1,2,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Interpretive Trail	0.52	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Oak Knoll Trail	0.25	1,2,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Waterfall Trail	0.42	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

## BERLIN ICHTHYOSAUR STATE PARK

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park is located 23 miles east of Gabbs, via State Route 844. The park is open all year but extreme winter weather may prohibit travel. Nestled at 7,000 feet on the western slope of central Nevada's Shoshone mountain range, the park provides a vast array of recreational opportunities. The forested slopes

provide shade, and breezes help to moderate the summer temperatures which seldom exceed 90° F (32° C). Late spring and early fall can often be the nicest times of the year. Winter visits to the park are possible, but be certain to call for weather and road conditions.



Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park was established in 1957 to protect and display North America's most abundant concentration and largest known Ichthyosaur fossils. The park also preserves the turn-of-the-20th century mining town of Berlin as well as the Diana Mine. The Ichthyosaur fossil area is a Registered Natural Landmark and the historic town-site is on the National Register of Historic Places. The park encompasses 1,153 acres, with elevations ranging from 6,840 feet to 7,880 feet. The hillsides in the park are covered with Big Sagebrush (The Nevada State Flower) while Pinyon Pine and Utah Juniper dominate the upper elevations.

An extensive sign system along the Berlin Town-site Trail tells of the history and features of Berlin for self-guided exploration. The Campground Access Trail connects the campground to the Fossil Shelter. Information and viewing windows are available at the Fossils Shelter if you cannot attend a tour program.

Table 16 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park. Four (4) trails are identified with a total length of 2.98 miles. Three (3) trails are open to non-motorized use, and one (1) trail is open to licensed motorized use.

Table 16. Characteristics of trails located in Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park

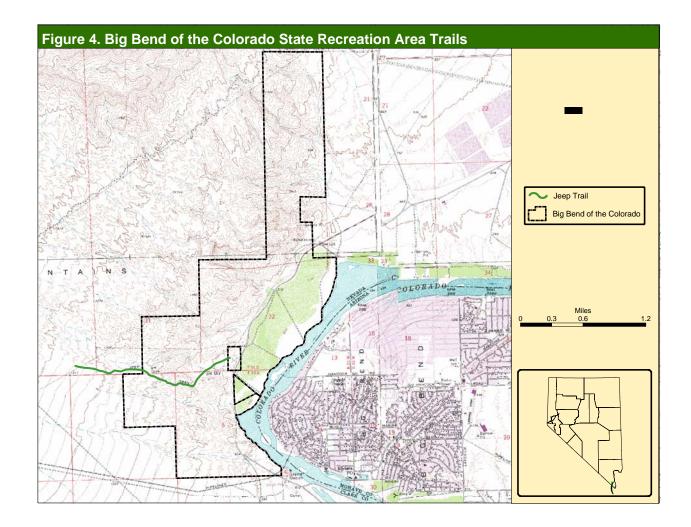
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Berlin Town-site Trail	0.54	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Campground Access Trail	0.37	1,2	1-5 %	< 36 in	Compacted Aggregate
Richmond Canyon	1.47	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Union Canyon	0.60	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

## BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO STATE RECREATION AREA

Big Bend of the Colorado State
Recreation Area is Nevada's newest state
park, opening for operation in 1996.
Situated on the shores of the Colorado
River below Laughlin in Nevada's
southern tip, the park offers dramatic
views of the river and surrounding

mountains. Popular activities are picnicking, boating, fishing and swimming. Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area is located five miles south of Laughlin on the Needles Highway.



The Colorado River is the main attraction to the park. Because the park is located just down stream of Davis Dam, the river is clear and cool year round. The river attracts a variety of waterfowl and shore birds including Mallards, coots, herons and geese. Hawks, roadrunners, quail, hummingbirds, doves and owls are also abundant in the park.

Common animals include cottontails, fox, raccoon, beaver, muskrat, coyote and an occasional bobcat or bighorn sheep. Several species of lizards and snakes inhabit the park, along with an occasional turtle along the river. Tamarisk and mesquite are the predominate trees in the park. Several species of cactus can also be found in the park.

Although the park has approximately 2 miles of shoreline and riparian areas, the majority of the park is comprised of canyons and washes. These areas are rich with beautiful formations and scenic view points.

While summer temperatures can soar to 120° F and above, spring and fall temperatures are usually very comfortable. Winters are very mild, with temperatures rarely dipping below freezing. Precipitation is infrequent, but can cause flash floods.

Table 17 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area. One (1) trail is identified with a total length of 1.61 miles. The trail is open to non-motorized and licensed motorized use.

Table 17. Characteristics of trails located in Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area

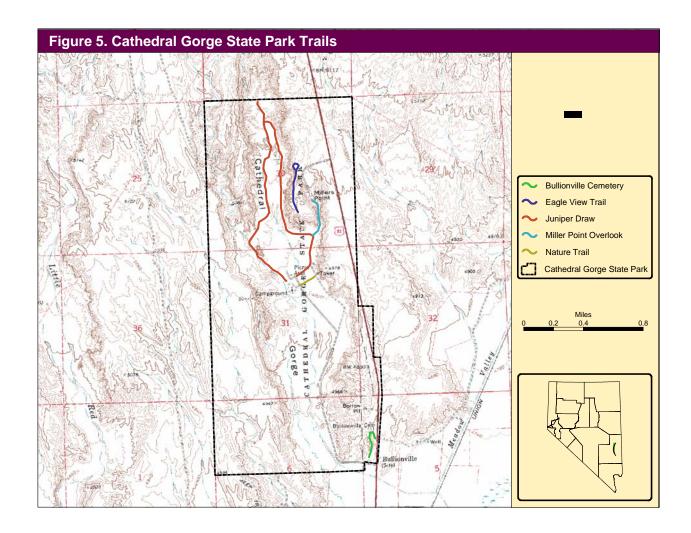
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Jeep Trail	1.61	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

## CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

Cathedral Gorge is located in a long, narrow valley where erosion has carved dramatic and unique patterns in the soft bentonite clay. Trails abound for exploring the cave-like formations and cathedral-like spires. Miller Point, a scenic overlook just north of the park entrance on U.S. 93, offers excellent views of the scenic canyon. Shaded picnic areas and a tree-shaded

campground area are open all year. Hiking, picnicking, camping, nature study, photography and ranger programs are the most common activities at the park. Cathedral Gorge is located 1 mile north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and State Route 319. The park sits at an elevation of 4,800 feet and is open year-round.



The area is typically arid with hot summers and cold winters. Summer temperatures range from 95°F at mid-day to 55°F at night. Rainfall is variable and thunderstorms are common.

Table 18 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Cathedral Gorge State Park. Five (5) trails are identified, with a total length of 3.74 miles. All trails are open to non-motorized use.

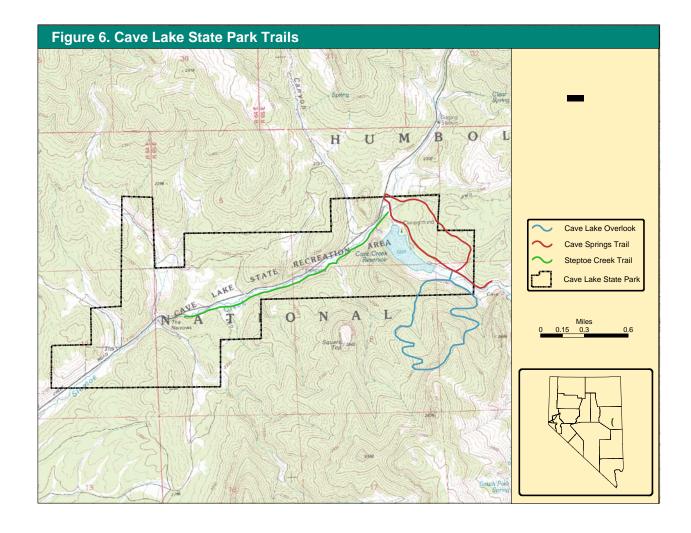
Table 18. Characteristics of trails located in Cathedral Gorge State Park

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Bullionville Cemetery	0.24	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Improved Native
Eagle View Trail	0.41	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Juniper Draw	2.70	1,2,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Miller Point Overlook	0.27	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Nature Loop	0.12	1,2	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native

## **CAVE LAKE STATE PARK**

Cave Lake State Park is located 15 miles southeast of Ely via U.S. 50 and Success Summit Road. The 32-acre reservoir at Cave Lake State Park is popular for trout fishing, boating, picnicking and camping. Perched in the middle of the Schell Creek Range, adjacent to the Humboldt National Forest at an elevation of 7,300', the park offers

outstanding scenic views and opportunities for nature study and photography. Facilities include campgrounds, picnic areas, hiking trails and a boat launch. Winter sports such as ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating are also available. Weather permitting, Cave Lake is open all year.



Park weather is highly seasonal with wide variations in temperature. Summertime highs may range from the upper 80's and 90's to the low 40's Fahrenheit. Wintertime highs are usually in the 30's and 40's and nights are often below zero. Extreme lows may reach thirty below zero. Snow is common from early December through early April with several feet on the ground through peak winter months. The remainder of the year is relatively dry, and rain and snow showers are infrequent.

Table 19 shows the characteristics of trails located in Cave Lake State Park. Three (3) developed hiking trails are maintained, with a total length of 5.28 miles. An easy, three-mile round trip can be found on the Steptoe Creek Trail. The trail starts at the lower parking lot, crossing the creek and returns via Success Summit Road. The Cave Springs Trail starts at the lower parking lot and meanders throughout the surrounding hills. Cave Lake Overlook can be accessed from the Cave Springs Trail.

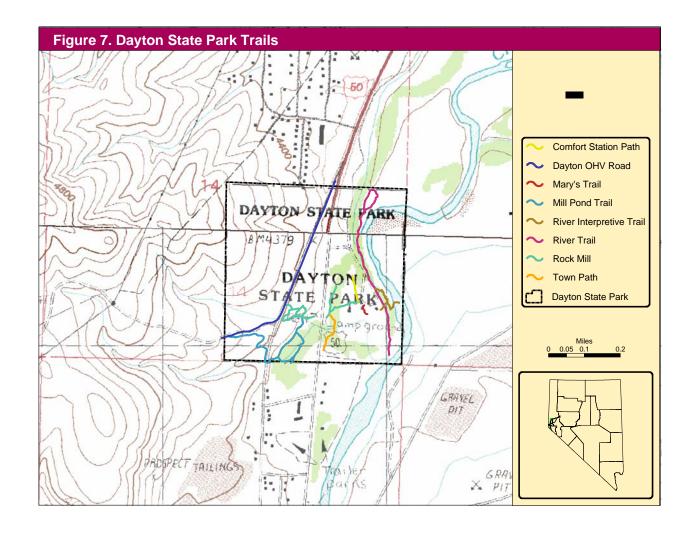
Table 19. Characteristics of trails located in Cave Lake State Park

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Cave Springs Trail	1.26	1,2,3	6-10 %	37-72 in	Native
Steptoe Creek Trail	1.47	1,2,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Cave Lake Overlook	2.55	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native

## **DAYTON STATE PARK**

Dayton State Park is located in the town of Dayton, one of Nevada's first permanent settlements. The Carson River flows through the park and offers fishing and bird watching. The Rock Point Mill, built in 1861, was once used to process rich silver ore from nearby Virginia City. Remnants of the mill are

still visible within the park, just west of U.S. 50. Picnicking, camping and group use facilities are available. Dayton summer temperatures range from 80-100°F with lows around 40-50°F. Dayton State Park is located on U.S. 50, 12 miles east of Carson City.



Dayton State Park consists of 160 acres of typical Great Basin desert topography. Cottonwood, desert sage, rabbitbrush and willows are prominent. The lower park borders the Carson River. The upper park includes the remains of old Highway 50 and the Rock Creek Mill site and looks out over Dayton valley at the foot of the Virginia mountain range.

Table 20 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Dayton State Park. Eight (8) trails are identified, with a total length of 2.52 miles. Seven (7) trails are open to non-motorized use and one (1) trail is open to licensed motorized use.

Table 20. Characteristics of trails located in Dayton State Park

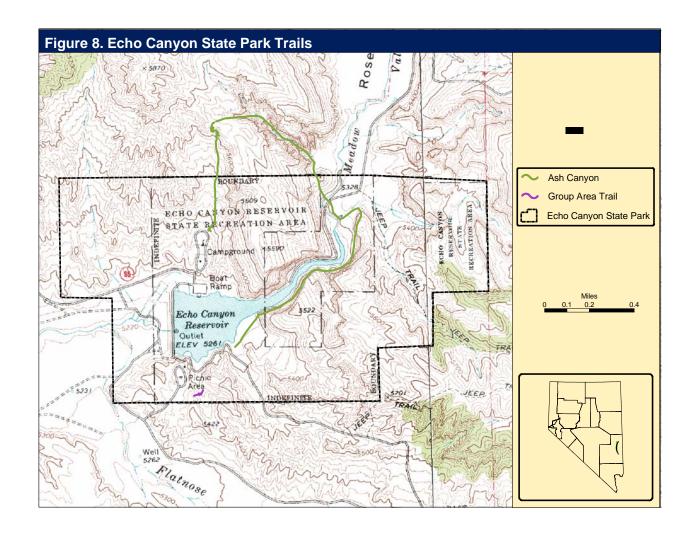
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Comfort Station Path	0.08	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native/Sand
Mary's Trail	0.59	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Aggregate
Mill Pond Trail	0.03	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native/Sand
Old Highway 50	0.59	2,3,6	1-5%	> 73 in	Aggregate
River Interpretive Trail	0.17	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native/Sand
River Trail	0.64	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native/Sand
Rock Mill Trail	0.29	1	6-10%	< 36 in	Aggregate
Town Path	0.13	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native/Sand

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

## ECHO CANYON STATE PARK

Echo Canyon State Park offers a 65-acre reservoir with a campground, picnic area, group use facilities and boat launch. The park is popular for camping, fishing, hiking and enjoying the beautiful scenery of eastern Nevada. Abundant wildlife, a wide variety of native plants and unique rock formations make exploration a favorite activity.

Echo Canyon is located 12 miles east of Pioche via State Routes 322 and 323. The park's elevation is 5,200' and although it is open year-round, visitors should be aware of occasional snow during winter months. Echo Canyon State Park is one of five state parks located in Lincoln County.



Echo Canyon is situated at the head of Dry Valley, one in a series of valleys along Meadow Valley Wash. Emptying into the Muddy River near Moapa in Clark County, Meadow Valley Wash eventually reaches Lake Mead near Overton. Although part of the Colorado River watershed, the park's environment is typical of the Great Basin desert and riparian life zones.

The Ash Canyon trail leads into the park's backcountry, a vast area for exploration. The 2.48 mile trail begins in the upper campground, climbs 800 feet in 1/3 mile to the valley rim, and descends into Ash Canyon. It joins the highway in Rose Valley near the eastern park entrance, and returns to the campground through Echo Canyon. A brochure providing brief descriptions of natural features along the trail is keyed to numbered posts along the route.

Table 21 shows the characteristics of trails located in Echo Canyon State Park. Two (2) trails are identified with a total length of 2.55 miles. Both of the trails are open to non-motorized use.

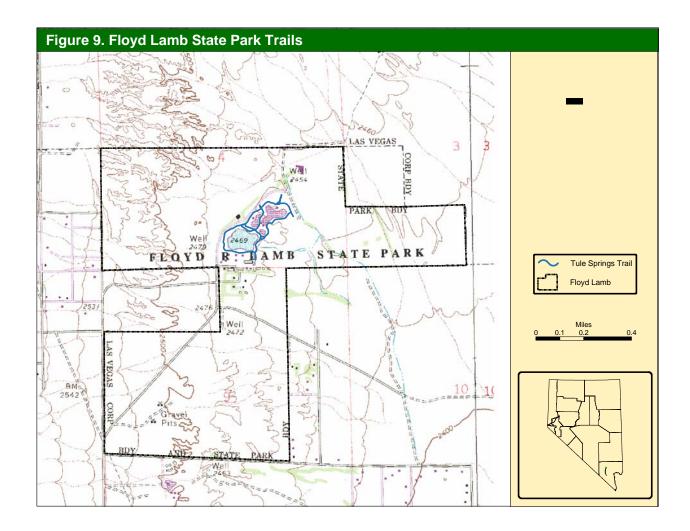
Table 21. Characteristics of trails located in Echo Canyon State Park

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Ash Canyon Trail	2.48	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Group Access Trail	0.07	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native

## FLOYD LAMB STATE PARK

Floyd Lamb State Park was originally known as Tule Springs. This park was an early water stop for Native Americans. It later became a privately-owned working ranch, as well as a guest/dude ranch in the 1950s, where one could wait out the six-week Nevada residency requirement to obtain a quick divorce. In addition to the Tule Springs Ranch Historic Area, the park offers

tree-shaded groves alongside four small fishing lakes. The park is available for day use only. Facilities include picnic areas with tables and grills, restrooms, group areas and a walking/bicycle path that winds through the park. Floyd Lamb State Park is located ten miles north of Las Vegas, via U.S. 95 to Durango and then Tule Springs Road.



Floyd Lamb State Park is a day use only facility located 15 miles northeast of downtown Las Vegas. Its 2,040 acres include natural desert areas as well as grassy tree covered lawns surrounding four small lakes. Native desert wildlife and vegetation are found throughout the facility. Ducks, geese, chickens and peacocks are park residents.

Table 22 shows the characteristics of the trail located in Floyd Lamb State Park. One (1) trail is identified, with a total length of 1.34 miles. The trail is open to non-motorized use only.

Table 22. Characteristics of trails located in Floyd Lamb State Park

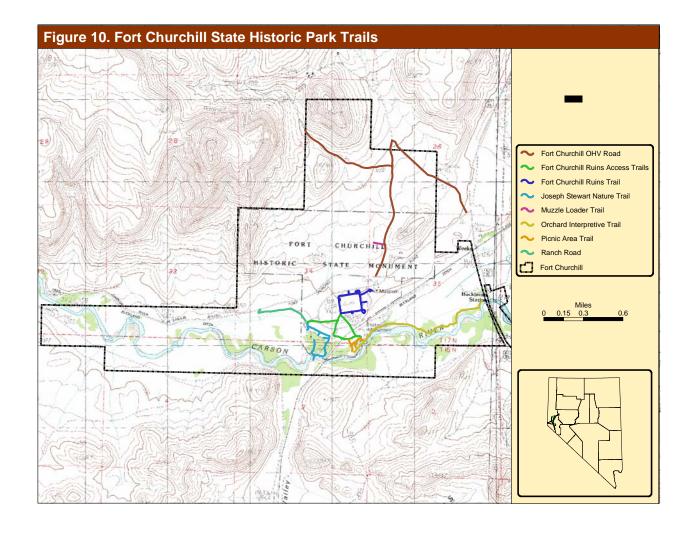
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Tule Springs Trail	1.34	1,2	1-5 %	37-72 in	Asphalt

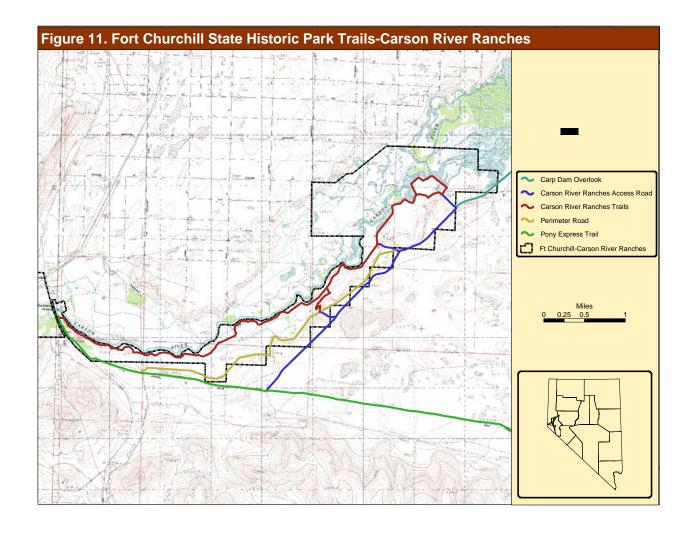
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## FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

Fort Churchill was once a U.S. Army fort built in 1861 to provide protection for early settlers. It was abandoned nine years later, and today the ruins are preserved in a state of arrested decay. A visitor center displays information and artifacts of the fort's history. The Pony Express and the Overland Telegraph once passed through this area. Nearby is Buckland Station, a Pony Express stop,

supply center, and former hotel built in 1870. Facilities at Fort Churchill State Historic Park include trails, a campground, picnic area, group-use area and access to the Carson River. Visitors can enjoy hiking, historic and environmental education, camping, picnicking, photography and canoeing. The park is located eight miles south of Silver Springs on Alternate U.S. 95.





Fort Churchill is located along the Carson River, eight miles south of Silver Springs on U.S. 95A. The park is situated 40 miles east of Carson City, and 36 miles west of Fallon. Visitors are advised to enter the park from U.S. 95A, on a short, paved access road. While Fort Churchill Road along the Carson River from U.S. 50 is scenic, it is 16 miles and unpaved. Summers at the fort are hot with daytime highs of 94°F and nighttime lows of 58°F in July. Winters are cold with occasional snow.

The Nevada State Park System acquired 3,200 acres along the Carson River in 1994. The properties, known as the Carson River Ranches, connect Fort Churchill State Historic Park with Lahontan State Recreation Area. This river corridor, with its diverse plant and wildlife communities, is a popular area for hikers, birdwatchers, canoeists, hunters and equestrians.

Table 23 shows the characteristics of trails located at Fort Churchill State Historic Park. Twelve (12) trails are identified with a total length of 31.14 miles. The Pony Express Trail is maintained by the Bureau of Land Management, and the Pony Express Association has placed markers along the route. The trail provides access to the south side of Lahontan State Recreation Area. The Carson River Ranches Access Road is also maintained by the BLM, and provides access to several trailheads along the Carson River.

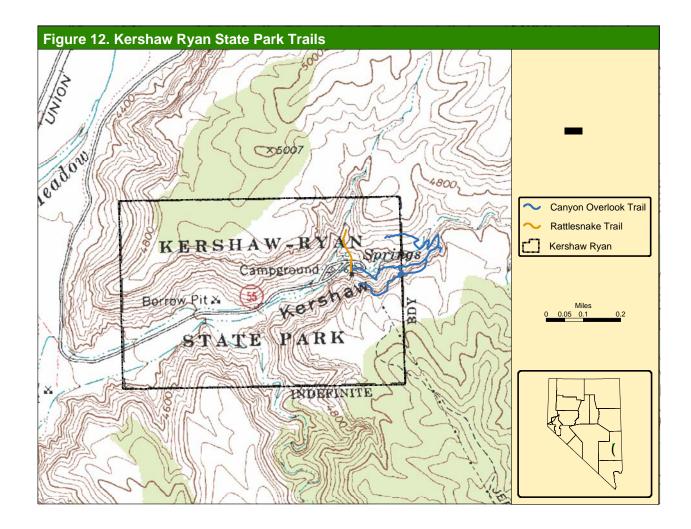
Table 23. Characteristics of trails located in Fort Churchill State Historic Park

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Carson River Ranches Access Road	4.04	1,2,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Carson River Ranches Trails	7.80	1,2,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Sand
Fort Churchill OHV Road	2.65	2,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Fort Churchill Ruins Access Trails	0.90	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Fort Churchill Ruins Trail	1.01	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Sand
Joseph Stewart Nature Trail	0.80	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Sand
Muzzle Loader Trail	0.09	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Orchard Interpretive Trail	1.29	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Sand
Perimeter Road	3.97	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Picnic Area Trail	0.27	1	1-5%	< 36 in	Native
Pony Express Trail	7.90	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Ranch Road	0.42	1,2,4	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand

## KERSHAW RYAN STATE PARK

Kershaw-Ryan State Park is located two miles south of Caliente via U.S. 93 and State Route 317. It is situated in a colorful, scenic canyon at the northern limit of Rainbow Canyon. Steep canyon walls tower over a long, narrow valley. Early settlers here cultivated a garden of

grape vines, trees, and grassy lawn surrounding a spring-fed pond, providing a sharp contrast to the rugged landscape. A picnic area, restrooms and trails offer visitors nature study, photography, picnicking, and hiking.



Kershaw-Ryan State Park is located south of Caliente, and only 25 miles west of the Utah border in Lincoln County. Park elevations range from 4,312 to 5,080 feet above sea level. Summers are dry and warm, with temperatures ranging from a high of 95°F to a low of 55°F. Monthly rainfall is often less than one inch. Winters are usually cold with highs reaching only 50°F. Snow averages several inches to one foot, and may stay on the ground for long periods.

Table 24 shows the characteristics of trails located in Kershaw Ryan State Park. There are two (2) developed trails identified, with a total length of 1.01 miles. Both trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 24. Characteristics of trails located in Kershaw Ryan State Park

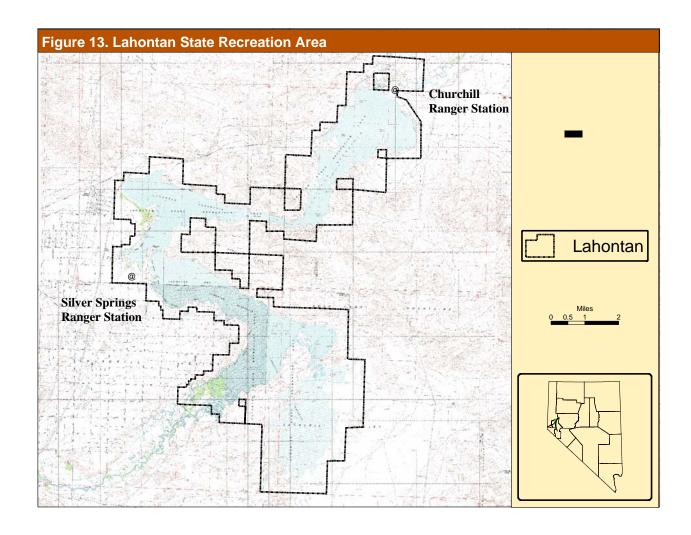
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Canyon Overlook Trail	0.89	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Rattlesnake Trail	0.12	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

## LAHONTAN STATE RECREATION AREA

Lahontan State Recreation Area (Figure 13) is located on the Carson River, 18 miles west of Fallon and 45 miles northeast of Nevada's Capital, Carson City, via U.S. Highway 50. The Reno-Sparks metropolitan area is slightly over one hour away by automobile. You can

access the park from two entrances: U.S. Highway 50 east of Silver Springs and U.S. Highway 95 south of Silver Springs. The reservoir is almost 17 miles long with 69 miles of shoreline. When full, it contains 10,000 surface acres of water



Lahontan State Recreation Area is open all year with maximum use during late spring and through summer. Primary activities are boating, water skiing, fishing and camping. The climate is typical of the northern Nevada desert region. Rainfall is slight, averaging less than six inches annually. Sunny skies are the rule, with summer daytime temperatures near 90°F. However, nights may be very cool. The spread between day and night temperatures may exceed 50°F. Figures 14-17 show the trails located at Lahontan State Recreation Area.

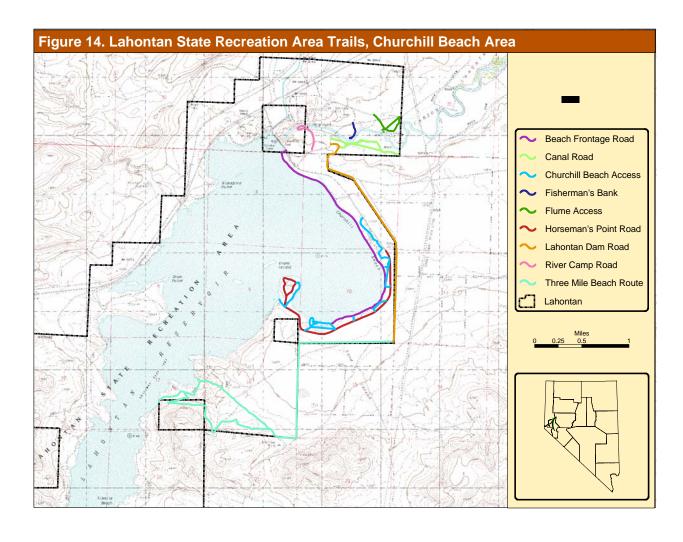


Table 25 shows the characteristics of the trails located at Lahontan State Recreation Area, Churchill Beach area. Nine (9) trails are identified, with a total length of 18.75 miles. All trails are open to non-motorized and licensed motorized use.

Table 25. Characteristics of trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, Churchill Beach area

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Beach Frontage Road	2.7	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Canal Road	1.32	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Churchill Beach Access	2.63	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Fisherman's Bank	0.22	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Flume Access	0.69	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Horseman's Point Road	2.53	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Lahontan Dam Road	2.6	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
River Camp Road	0.45	1,2,3,6	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Three Mile Beach Route	5.61	1,2,3,6	6-10 %	> 73 in	Aggregate

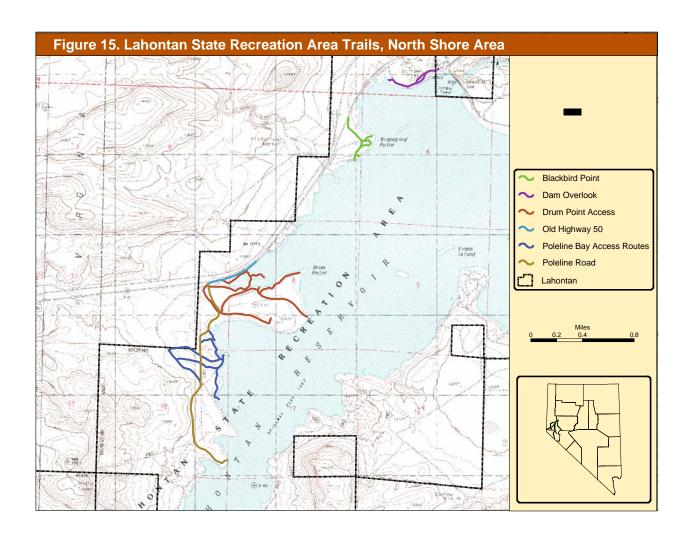


Table 26 shows the trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, North Shore area. Six (6) trails are identified, with a total length of 8.01 miles. All trails are open to non-motorized and licensed motorized use.

Table 26. Characteristics of trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, North Shore area

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Blackbird Point	0.68	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Dam Overlook	0.57	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Drum Point Access	2.8	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Old Highway 50	0.42	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Asphalt
Poleline Bay Access Routes	1.93	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Poleline Road	1.61	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native

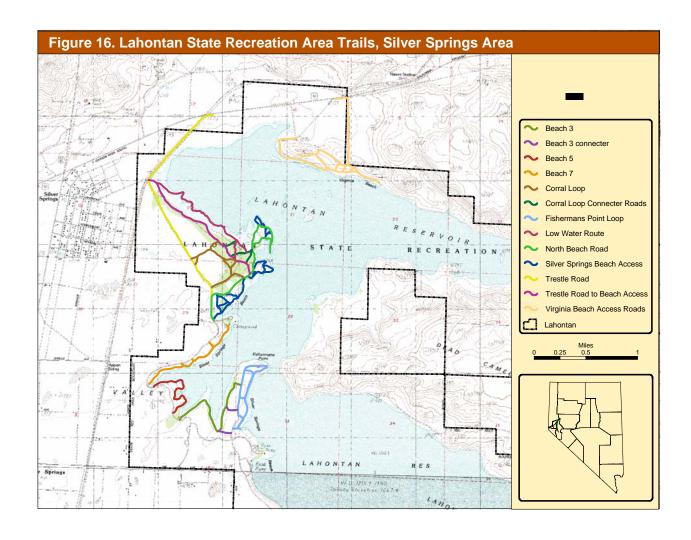


Table 27 shows the trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs area. Thirteen (13) trails are identified, with a total length of 19.81 miles. All trails are open to non-motorized and licensed motorized use.

Table 27. Characteristics of trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs area

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Beach 3	1.23	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Beach 3 Connector	0.25	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Beach 5	0.89	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Beach 7	1.27	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
Corral Loop	1.32	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Corral Loop Connector Roads	0.48	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Fisherman's Point Loop	1.75	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Low Water Route	1.5	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
North Beach Road	1.81	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
Silver Springs Beach Access	2.43	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Trestle Road	2.22	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Trestle Road to Beach Access	1.43	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Virginia Beach Access Roads	3.23	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

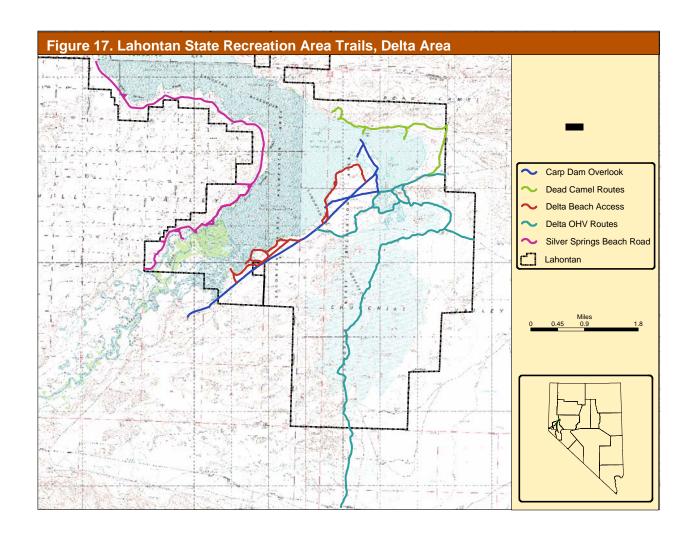


Table 28 shows the trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, Delta area. Five (5) trails are identified, with a total length of 35.54 miles. All trails are open to non-motorized and licensed motorized use.

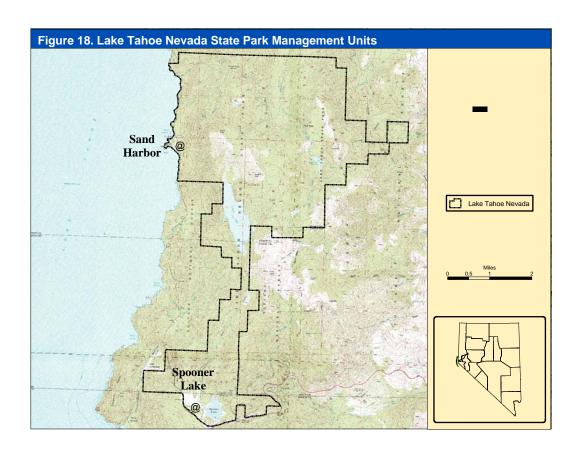
Table 28. Characteristics of trails located in Lahontan State Recreation Area, Delta area

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Carp Dam Overlook	6.33	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Dead Camel Routes	3.62	1,2,3,6	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Delta Beach Access	4.94	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand
Delta OHV Routes	12.01	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Silver Springs Beach Road	8.64	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Sand

#### LAKE TAHOE NEVADA STATE PARK

Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park offers a number of different areas for visitors to enjoy (see Figure 18). Sand Harbor is the most popular, with sandy beaches, a boat launch, picnicking and group use facilities. Sand Harbor is located three miles south of Incline Village on State Route 28. Memorial Point and Hidden Beach, situated between Incline Village and Sand Harbor, are areas which offer outstanding views of the lake and more secluded access to its shores. Spooner Lake, at the intersection of State Route

28 and U.S. 50, is popular for picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, catch-and-release fishing and cross country skiing. Spooner Lake is also a trailhead with access to the backcountry. The backcountry between Lake Tahoe and Carson City provides miles of hiking, equestrian and mountain biking trails plus two primitive campgrounds. Two of the more popular trails in this area are the Flume Trail above Sand Harbor and the Tahoe Rim Trail along the crest of the Carson Range.



Figures 19 shows the trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor Management Unit. Figures 20-22 shows the trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Spooner Lake Management Unit. The Spooner Lake Management Unit includes the Backcountry area.

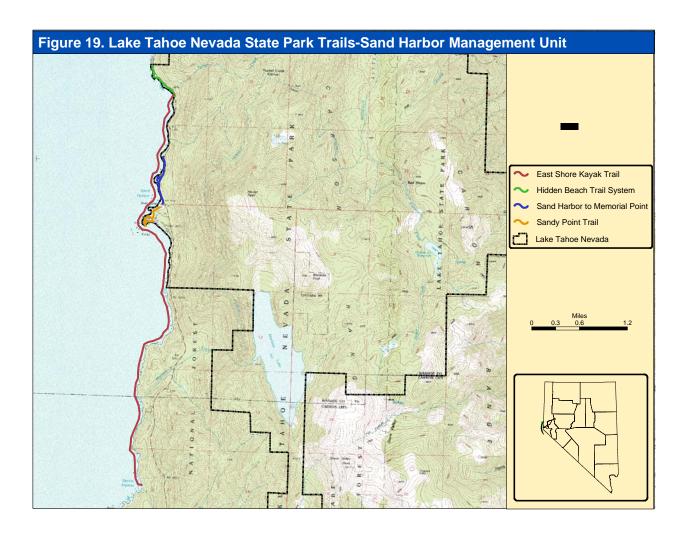
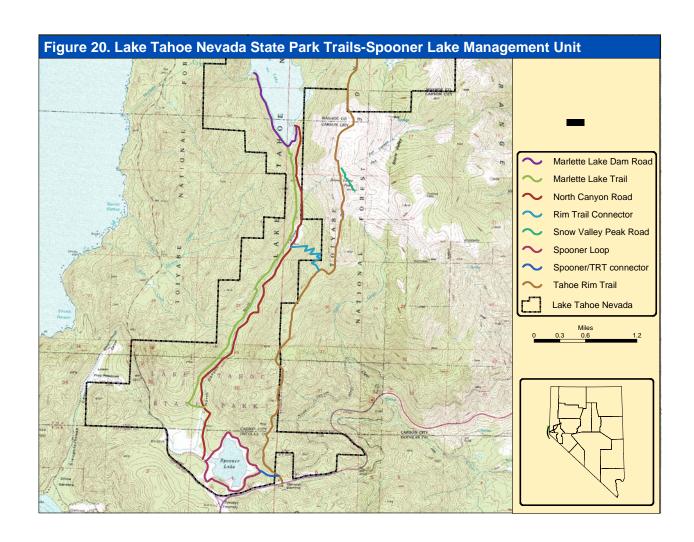


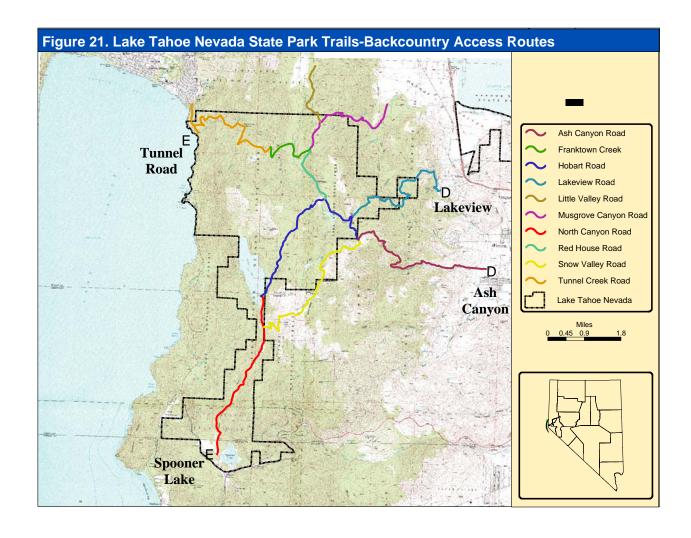
Table 29 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor Management Unit. Four (4) trails are identified, with a total length of 7.45 miles. Three (3) trails are open to non-motorized use and one (1) trail is open to kayaks and canoes.

Table 29. Characteristics of trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor Management Unit

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
East Shore Kayak Trail	5.58	9	0 %		Water
Hidden Beach Trail System	0.52	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native/sand
Sand Harbor to Memorial Point	0.79	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Sandy Point Trail	0.56	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Boardwalk/ Sand cement

1-Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe





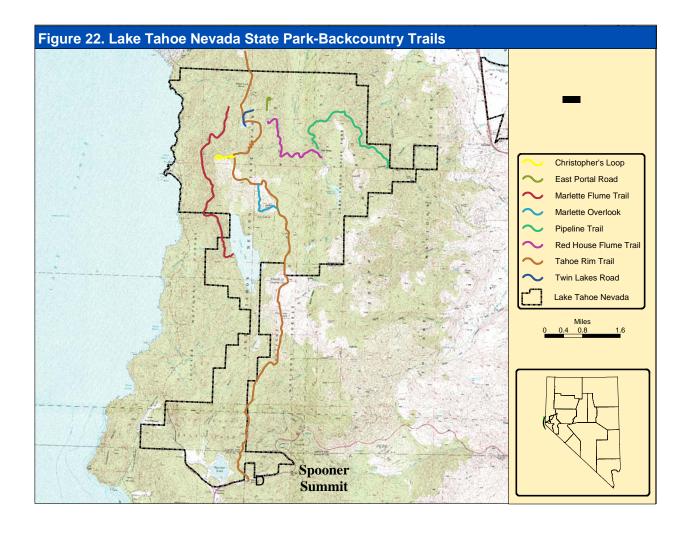


Table 30 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Spooner Lake Management Unit. Twenty-five (25) trails are identified with a total length of 71.68 miles. Spooner Lake is the major trailhead for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians entering the backcountry. North Canyon Road leads to Marlette Lake and the Flume Trail, and offers connections to the Tahoe Rim Trail. The Spooner Loop Trail also has a spur leading to the Rim Trail's Spooner Summit Trailhead. Several commonly used trailheads provide access into the backcountry. Spooner Lake is the only developed trailhead. Other popular access points are Tunnel Creek Road on Highway 28 south of Inline Village, the Tahoe Rim Trail at Spooner Summit on Highway 50, and Ash Canyon and Lakeview trailheads near Carson City.

Table 30. Characteristics of trails located in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Spooner Lake Management Unit

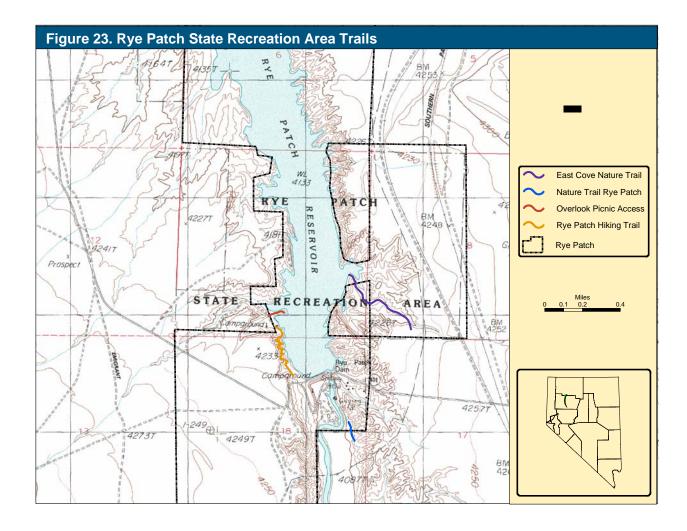
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Ash Canyon Road	4.53	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Chimney Beach	3.69	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Christopher's Loop	0.67	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
East Portal Road	0.37	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Franktown Creek Road	1.70	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Hobart Road	5.01	1,2,3	6-10%	> 73 in	Native
Lakeview Road	4.22	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Little Valley Road	1.73	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Marlette Flume Trail	4.24	1,2	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native/Sand
Marlette Lake Dam Rd	1.27	1,2,3	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Marlette Lake Trail	3.66	1,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Marlette Overlook	1.03	1,3	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Musgrove Canyon Rd	3.28	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
North Canyon Road	4.47	1,2,3	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native
Pipeline Trail	3.27	1,2,3	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Red House Flume Trail	2.21	1,2,3	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Red House Road	1.55	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Rim Trail Connector	0.92	1,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Snow Valley Peak Rd	0.32	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Snow Valley Road	4.56	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Spooner Lake Trail	2.18	1,4	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Spooner/TRT connecter	0.24	1,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Tahoe Rim Trail	11.77	1,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Tunnel Creek Road	4.30	1,2,3	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Twin Lakes Road	0.49	1,2,3	1-5 %	> 73 in	Native

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### RYE PATCH STATE RECREATION AREA

Rye Patch Reservoir, along the Humboldt River, with over 72 miles of shoreline, covers 11,000 acres when full. Visitors enjoy fishing, boating, water skiing, camping, and picnicking. A campground, boat launch and picnic sites are provided. Rye Patch visitors

can enjoy camping, picnicking, fishing and water-skiing at the recreation area's 22-mile long reservoir on the Humboldt River just west of Interstate 80. Located 22 miles north of Lovelock and 50 miles southwest of Winnemucca, Rye Patch is open all year round.



Most park users prefer to visit during the warm months of late spring and summer. The area's climate is typical of northern Nevada's desert country. Rainfall is slight, averaging less then 6 inches annually. Clear, sunny skies are the rule, with summer daytime temperatures peaking near 90° F. However, campers should note that summer temperatures can drop as much as 40 degrees at night. In mid-winter, daily highs average 40°F and nighttime temperatures sometimes drop below zero.

Table 31 shows the characteristics of the trails located at Rye Patch State Recreation Area. Four (4) trails are identified, with a total length of 1.14 miles. All of the trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 31. Characteristics of trails located in Rye Patch State Recreation Area

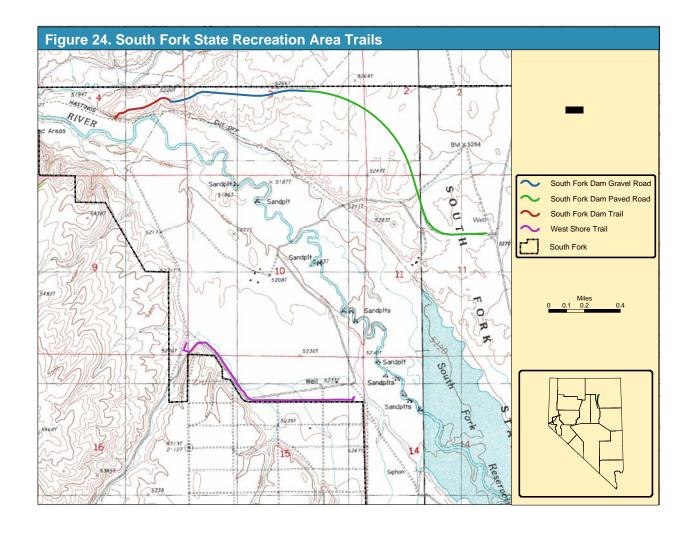
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
East Cove Nature Trail	0.50	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Natural
Nature Trail Rye Patch Reservoir	0.11	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Natural
Overlook Picnic Access	0.09	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Natural
Rye Patch Hiking Trail	0.44	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Natural

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### SOUTH FORK STATE RECREATION AREA

South Fork Reservoir covers 1,650 acres and is surrounded by 2,200 acres of wildlife-filled meadow lands and rolling hills. It is popular for hunting, camping, boating, picnicking, winter sports and wildlife viewing. The park is best known for its trophy-class trout and bass

fishery. Facilities include a boat launch, campground, trailer dump station and picnic area. Located 16 miles south of Elko on State Route 228, the park is open year-round, but access may be hampered by extreme cold and snow during the winter months.



South Fork Reservoir occupies what was once a wide alluvial river valley covered with fertile meadows which were used for grass cover, hay production and grazing pasture. With the filling of South Fork Reservoir in 1995, these meadows were flooded and what is left for the visitor to see is flanked, older river terraces with gentle to steeply sloping bluffs.

South Fork State Recreation Area is located by traveling 7 miles south of Elko on State Route 227, 5.5 miles south on State Route 228, and 3.5 miles Southwest on Lower South Fork Road. The Ruby Mountains are 10-15 miles to the east and provide a grand scenic backdrop for the site, rising to 11,387 feet at Ruby Dome.

The area is typical of Northeastern Nevada with arid, hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are variable with highs in the 90's in the summers with minus lows possible during the winter.

Table 32 shows the characteristics of the trails located at South Fork State Recreation Area. Four (4) trails are identified, with a total length of 3.76 miles. Two (2) trails are open to licensed motorized use and all four (4) trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 32. Characteristics of trails located in South Fork State Recreation Area

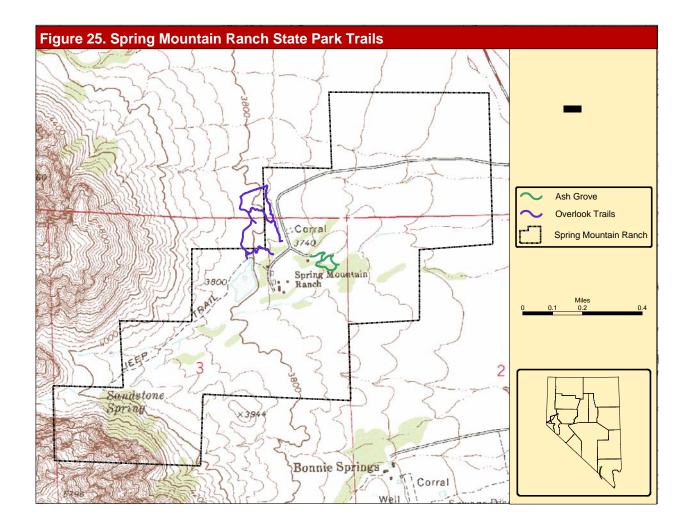
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
South Fork Dam Gravel Road	0.77	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
South Fork Dam Paved Road	1.44	1,2,3,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Asphalt
South Fork Dam Trail	0.35	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Compacted Soil
West Shore Trail	1.20	1,2,3	1-5 %	37-72 in	Compacted Soil

1-Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK

Spring Mountain Ranch is located within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, beneath the colorful cliffs of the magnificent Wilson Range. The many springs in these mountains provided water for Paiute Indians and later brought mountain men and early settlers to the area. This 520 acre oasis

was developed into a combination working ranch and luxurious retreat by a string of owners who have given the area a long and colorful history. Past owners of the ranch included Chester Lauck of the comedy team "Lum & Abner," German actress Vera Krupp, and millionaire Howard Hughes.



Spring Mountain Ranch State Park is located 15 miles west of Las Vegas, via Charleston Blvd., in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. At 3,800 feet, the ranch is usually 10-15 degrees cooler than the Las Vegas Valley. Temperatures range from below freezing to above 100°F, and winds gusting down Sandstone Canyon are not uncommon. The summer season usually brings a few thunderstorms and flash floods. Winters are cold, with occasional snow showers.

Table 33 shows the characteristics of the trails located at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. Two (2) trails are identified with a total length of 1.26 miles. Both of the trails are open to non-motorized use. The Ash Grove Trail includes a small creek crossing with a wildlife watering hole. A unique grove of trees provides an excellent source for bird watching, and the shade provides for cooler temperatures during the summer. The Overlook Interpretive Trails leads to a former owner's gravesite and contains information about the plants and geologic features in the area.

Table 33. Characteristics of trails located in Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

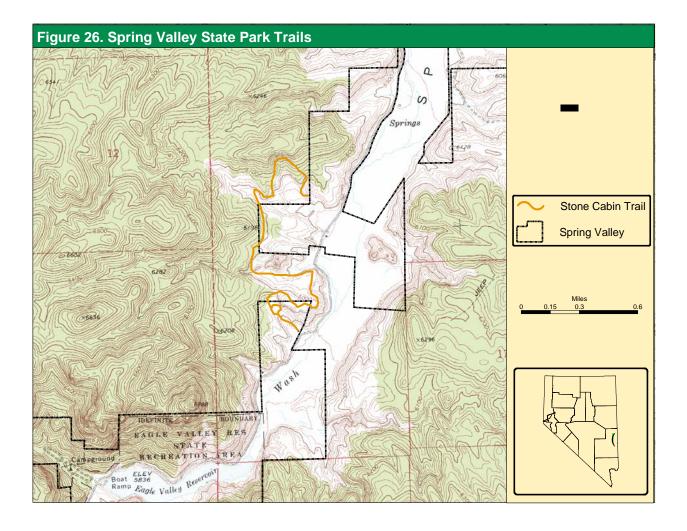
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Ash Grove Trail	0.31	1	1-5 %	36-72 in	Compacted aggregate
Overlook Interpretive Trails	0.95	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native

1-Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

### SPRING VALLEY STATE PARK

Spring Valley State Park offers water oriented recreation at the 65 acre Eagle Valley Reservoir. Boat launching, picnicking and camping facilities are available. Visitors also enjoy hiking, exploring and touring the historic Ranch

House museum. The park is located 20 miles east of Pioche via State Route 322. Spring Valley State Park is open all year, although snow may make winter access difficult.



Spring Valley is situated at the upper end of Meadow Valley Wash. The wash is comprised of a number of valleys trending north-south through Lincoln and Clark Counties. Emptying into the Muddy River near Moapa in Clark County, Meadow Valley Wash eventually reaches Lake Mead near Overton. Although part of the Colorado River watershed, the park's environment is typical of the Great Basin desert and riparian life zones. The elevation of the reservoir is 5,836'.

The climate of the area is arid, with hot summers and cold winters. Summer temperatures range from 85°F at midday to 45°F at night. Rainfall is variable and thunderstorms are common. Although open year-round, visitors should be aware of colder winter temperatures and snow.

Table 34 shows the characteristics of trails located at Spring Valley State Park. One (1) trail is identified with a total length of 2.26 miles and is open to non-motorized use.

Table 34. Characteristics of trails located in Spring Valley State Park

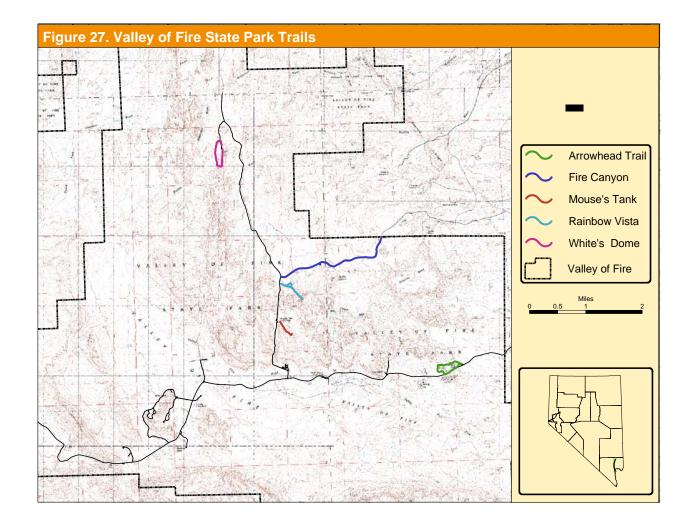
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Stone Cabin Trail	2.26	1	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

Valley of Fire State Park is located only six miles from Lake Mead and 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 and exit 75. Valley of Fire is Nevada's oldest and largest state park, dedicated in 1935. The valley derives its name from the red sandstone formations and the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert. Ancient trees and early man are

represented throughout the park by areas of petrified wood and 3,000 year-old Indian petroglyphs. Popular activities include camping, hiking, picnicking and photography. The park offers a full-scale visitor center with extensive interpretive displays. Several group use areas are also available. The park is open all year.



Winters are mild with temperatures ranging from freezing to 75°F. Daily summer highs usually exceed 100°F, and may reach 120°F. Summer temperatures can vary widely from day to night. Average annual rainfall is four inches, coming in the form of light winter showers and summer thunderstorms. Spring and fall are the preferred seasons for visiting Valley of Fire.

Table 35 shows the characteristics of the trails located in Valley of Fire State Park. Five (5) trails are identified with a total length of 5.34 miles. One (1) trail is open to licensed motorized use and all five (5) trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 35. Characteristics of trails located in Valley of Fire State Park

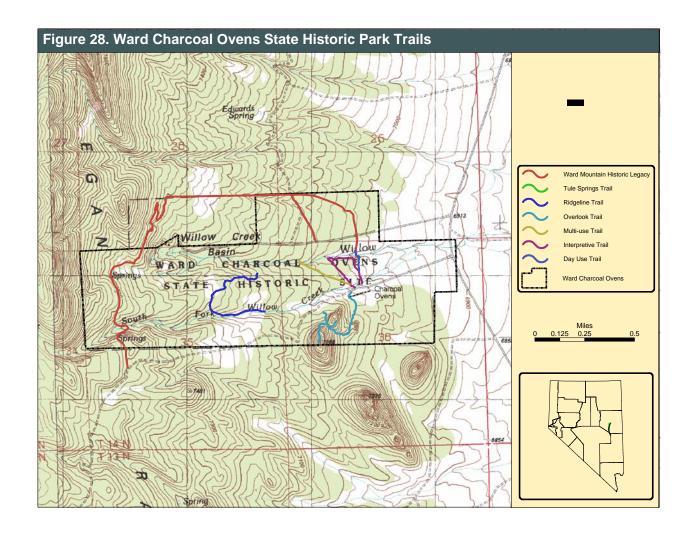
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Arrowhead Trail	1.11	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Fire Canyon	2.17	1,2,6	1-5 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
Mouse's Tank	0.35	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Rainbow Vista	0.71	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
White's Dome	1.00	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Sand

1-Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic
Park is known for its six historic
charcoal ovens. These beehive-shaped
ovens were used in the late 19th century
to generate charcoal for use in the mines
of nearby Ward. Today, the park offers
limited facilities for picnicking and
camping. Other features include
forested woodlands, lush riparian areas

and outstanding views of the Steptoe Valley and surrounding mountains. The park is located seven miles south of Ely via U.S. 50/6/93, then 11 miles southwest on Cave Valley Road. Cave Valley Road is a graded dirt road, accessible by passenger vehicles from May through October.



To visit Ward Charcoal Ovens drive seven miles south from Ely on U.S. Highways 6/50/93, then eleven miles southwest on Cave Valley Road. Seasonal temperatures vary greatly at the park, from hot summers to cold winters. Summer temperatures can reach 90°F during the day, with winter daytime temperatures only about 40°F.

Table 36 shows the trails located in Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park. Seven (7) trails are identified with a total length of 6.74 miles. The park has an interpretive trail, an overlook trail that travels over two rock outcrops giving views of the valley, a riparian trail, and an ATV multi-use trail.

Table 36. Characteristics of trails located in Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park

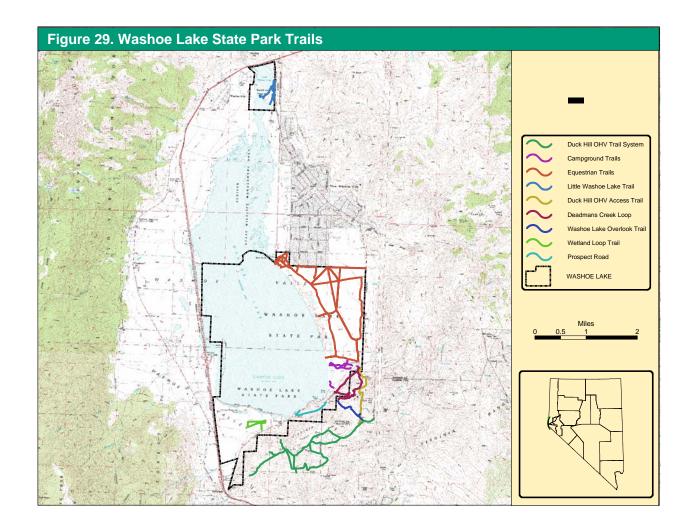
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Day Use Trail	0.14	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Interpretive Trail	0.50	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Multi-use Trail	0.29	1,2,3	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Overlook Trail	0.65	1,2	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Ridgeline Trail	0.71	1,2	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Riparian Trail	1.60	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Native
Ward Mountain Historic Legacy Trail	2.85	1,2,3,7,8	6-10 %	37-72 in	Native

1-Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

Washoe Lake and Little Washoe Lake are located in the heart of scenic Washoe Valley, between Carson City and Reno. Visitors will find spectacular views of the majestic Sierra Nevada and the Carson Range. Popular activities in the park include nature study, bird watching, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, windsurfing, water skiing, catamaran

sailing, jet skiing and fishing. A campground, boat launches, group use area, day-use picnic sites and equestrian trailhead are available. A wetlands area with a viewing tower and interpretive displays is a new addition to the park. The park is located 10 miles north of Carson City and 15 miles south of Reno.



Washoe Lake sits at an elevation of 5,029 feet just below the tree line in open sagebrush country. Higher than Reno or Carson City, temperatures are typically five to ten degrees below those reported for the cities. Highs in the summer range from 80-95°F to with lows between 40 & 50°F. Winters bring freezing temperatures at night with daytime highs in the 30's to low 40's.

Trails are available throughout the park, for motorized and non-motorized uses. Non-motorized trails accommodate hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian riders. Motorized trails are limited to the Virginia Range east of the park.

Table 37 shows the characteristics of the trails located at Washoe Lake State Park. Nine (9) trails are identified with a total length of 30.51 miles. Four (4) trails are open to licensed motorized use and all nine (9) trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 37. Characteristics of trails located in Washoe Lake State Park

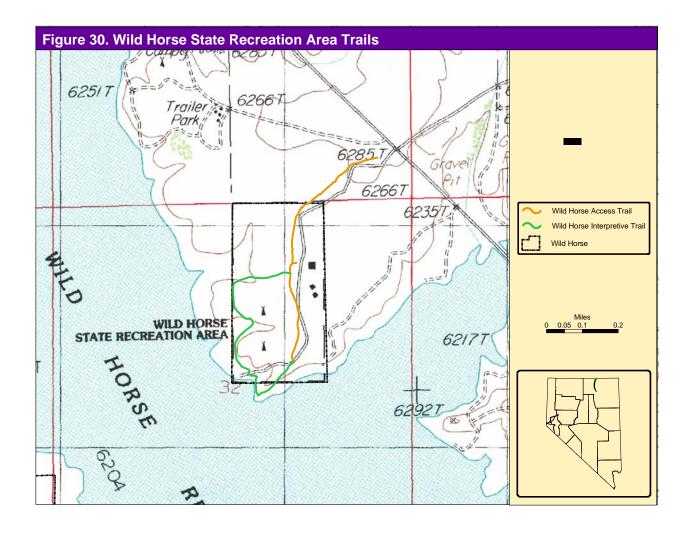
NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Campground Trails	1.30	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Deadman's Creek Loop	2.31	1,2,3	6-10 %	< 36 in	Native
Duck Hill OHV Access Trail	1.58	6	6-1- %	> 73 in	Aggregate
Duck Hill OHV Trail System	6.34	6	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Equestrian Trails	15.10	1,3	1-5 %	< 36 in	Sand
Little Washoe Lake Trail	1.33	1	1-5 %	< 36 in	Native
Prospect Road	0.79	1,2,3,6	> 10 %	> 73 in	Aggregate
Washoe Lake Overlook Trail	0.78	1,2,3,6	6-10 %	> 73 in	Native
Wetland Loop Trail	0.98	1	1-5 %	37-72 in	Aggregate

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### WILD HORSE STATE RECREATION AREA

Wild Horse State Recreation Area is located on the northeast shore of Wild Horse Reservoir. The 140 acre recreation area is an excellent focal point when visiting Wild Horse. Visitors to the area enjoy camping, picnicking, hunting, fishing and boating. Facilities include campgrounds, a trailer dump

station, boat launch and ranger station. The park is open year-round, but access may be hampered by extreme cold and snow in winter months. Wild Horse Reservoir commonly boasts the state's lowest winter temperatures. The park is located 67 miles north of Elko on State Route 225.



The countryside around Wild Horse Reservoir is a treeless high and cold desert. The flora and fauna is typical of the Great Basin. Big sage dominates the landscape with patches of quaking aspen trees in the hills. Sub-alpine habitat can be found in higher elevations. Late spring, the later part of May and through June, brings beautiful wildflowers backed by towering snow capped peaks.

Summertime is a favorite for many visitors. Daytime temperatures are moderate with cool nights. Although the park is open year round, winter can be harsh. Abundant snow and ice provide good recreation but temperatures reaching -20°F can be common and sometimes reach -40°F. Spring and fall are very unpredictable with the threat of winter weather at any moment.

Table 38 shows the characteristics for the trails located in Wild Horse State Recreation Area. Two (2) trails are identified with a total length of 1.44 miles. One (1) trail is open to snowmobiles, ATVs and motorcycles, and both trails are open to non-motorized use.

Table 38. Characteristics of trails located in Wild Horse State Recreation Area

NAME	MILES	USE CATEGORY	TYPICAL GRADE	AVERAGE WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE
Wild Horse Access Trail	0.73	1,2,4,5,7,8	1-5 %	37-72 in	Recycled Asphalt
Wild Horse Interpretive Trail	0.71	1,2,4	1-5 %	< 36 in	Aggregate

<sup>1-</sup>Hiking 2-Biking 3-Equestrian 4-Skiing/snowshoeing 5-Snowmobile 6-Licensed OHV 7-ATV 8-Motorcycle 9-Kayak/Canoe

#### RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal-aid assistance program to help states provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. The program provides funding for all kinds of\_recreational trail uses, such as pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-highway motorized vehicles.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) authorized the RTP as a federal-aid program, and codified it in federal statutes under section 206 of title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. 206). The RTP replaced the original National Recreational Trails Funding Program (also known as the Symms Act), which was authorized by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and amended by the National Highway System (NHS) Designation Act of 1995. ISTEA funds were provided in FY 1993, 1996, and 1997. TEA-21 funds were provided in FY 1998 through FY 2005. Nevada's total FY 1993 -2005 apportionment is \$5,276,848.

The RTP funds are distributed to the states by legislative formula. Half of the funds are distributed equally among all states, and half are distributed in proportion to the estimated amount of non-highway recreational fuel use in each state—fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, and off-road light trucks.

Nevada Division of State Parks administers the RTP in Nevada and distributes the RTP funds each year through a competitive grant process. The FHWA requires that 30% of the funds be used to fund motorized projects, 30% for non-motorized projects, and 40% for diversified projects.

Eligible projects include: maintenance and restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; construction of new recreational trails, acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property; and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection.

Table 39 provides a summary of the Recreational Trails Program for the years 1993 to 2004. One hundred thirty-eight projects have been funded, with a total grant amount of \$4,061,184 and a total project cost of \$7,500,480. The program did not receive federal funds for the years 1994 and 1995. Fifty-eight (58) different groups, organizations and government agencies have received funding through the program.

Table 39. Recreational Trails Program funding

Year	Number of	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
	Projects		
1993	10	\$77,399	\$171,654
1996	12	\$156,137	\$360,283
1997	16	\$189,781	\$429,099
1998	9	\$223,139	\$468,149
1999	20	\$519,759	\$1,405,904
2000	12	\$522,847	\$782,576
2001	18	\$573,444	\$811,976
2002	12	\$605,466	\$918,683
2003	20	\$624,391	\$1,097,914
2004	9	\$568,821	\$1,054,242
TOTAL	138	\$4,061,184	\$7,500,480

The following section provides a description of the projects funded through the Recreational Trails Program.

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Carson Ranger District Travel Plan Signs	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$14,920	\$29,000	Installation of signage
Duck Hill OHV Access Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks- Washoe Lake	\$8,075	\$8,880	Maintenance of trail and signage
Lexington Arch Trail Phase I	National Park Service-Great Basin	\$4,000	\$8,743	Maintenance and stabilization of trail
Mayberry Park Trail	Washoe County Parks	\$6,166	\$7,966	Construction of trail
Prison Hill Trailhead	BLM-Carson Field Office	\$7,500	\$15,700	Construction of three (3) trailheads with parking, signage and fencing
Sand Point Trail Phase 1	Nevada Division of State Parks-Lake Tahoe Nevada	\$8,525	\$14,855	Construction of boardwalk, overlook, interpretive kiosk, reconstruction of access stairway and installation of fencing
Steamboat Ditch Model Trail	Steamboat Trail Association	\$8,000	\$40,360	Construction of trail
Sunset Park Trail	Clark County Parks and Recreation	\$4,000	\$8,900	Construction of trail
Tahoe Meadows Trailhead Interpretive Panels	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$8,213	\$18,250	Design, manufacture and installation of five (5) kiosks with interpretive panels
Willow Springs Historic Trail	BLM-Red Rock Canyon NCA	\$8,000	\$19,000	Reconstruction of trail

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Carson River Trailhead	BLM-Carson Field Office	\$7,000	\$15,360	Construction of access road, trailhead parking and trail
Egan Crest Mountain Bike Trail	BLM-Ely	\$9,000	\$18,000	Construction of trailhead and installation of kiosk
Lexington Arch Trail Phase II	National Park Service-Great Basin	\$15,975	\$31,950	Reconstruction of trail
Linear Bike Path Improvements	Carson City Parks and Recreation	\$16,375	\$32,750	Construction of trail
North Area Trail System Phase I	City of Yerington	\$9,160	\$18,320	Construction of trail
Sand Point Trail Phase II	Nevada Division of State Park-Lake Tahoe Nevada	\$18,700	\$71,360	Trail maintenance, construction of overlook and installation of three (3) kiosks
Spooner Loop Interpretive Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks- Lake Tahoe Nevada	\$12,550	\$25,100	Design and fabrication of thirteen (13) interpretive signs
Sunrise Mountain Trails Project	BLM-Las Vegas	\$18,500	\$43,500	Construction of trailhead, maintenance of trail and installation of signage
Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Signs	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$18,700	\$37,400	Design and fabrication of nine (9) interpretive signs
Tahoe Meadows Whole Access Trail Bridge Repair	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$18,700	\$37,400	Repair and reconstruction of three (3) bridges
Tom Cooke Trail Link	Truckee Meadows Trails Association	\$6,477	\$17,868	Construction of trail
Washoe Lake Trail System	Nevada Division of State Parks- Washoe Lake	\$5,000	\$11,275	Construction of trail and trailhead and installation of interpretive signs

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Carson River Ranches Trails	Nevada Division of State Park-Fort Churchill	\$11,654	\$23,308	Construction of trail
Hardie Lane Bike Lane	City of Fernley	\$25,000	\$55,300	Construction of trail
Hickison Petroglyph Trail	BLM-Battle Mountain	\$8,122	\$17,082	Maintenance of trail and installation of interpretive signage
Lemmon Valley Marsh Trail	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$20,000	\$40,000	Construction of trailhead and interpretive signage
Lovelock Cave Interpretive Trail	BLM- Winnemucca	\$18,500	\$37,000	Construction of trail and trailhead and installation of interpretive signage
North Area Trail Phase II	City of Yerington	\$9,075	\$18,150	Construction of trail
Ophir Creek Trail Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$10,000	\$24,700	Maintenance and reconstruction of trail and trailhead signage
Slide Creek Trailhead	USFS-Jarbidge Ranger District	\$11,640	\$23,280	Construction of trailhead
Toiyabe Crest Trailhead	USFS-Austin Ranger District	\$5,500	\$11,000	Construction of trailhead and interpretive signage
Tom Cooke Bridge	City of Reno	\$4,600	\$11,050	Construction of bridge
Trailhead Enhancements	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$7,390	\$14,935	Design and fabrication of interpretive panels
Ward Mountain Recreation Area	USFS-Ely Ranger District	\$5,254	\$30,754	Construction of trail, trailhead and signage
Coloma Drive Trailhead	Indian Hills GID	\$8,386	\$16,736	Construction of trailhead

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
			COST	
Canyon Trail Maintenance	Indian Hills GID	\$5,095	\$10,215	Trail maintenance
Logandale Trail System	Nevada Trails Coalition	\$20,965	\$45,789	Construction of trailhead, maintenance of trails and installation of interpretive signage
Carson Ranger District Travel Signs	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$18,600	\$50,600	Maintenance of trails and installation of signage

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Oxbow Nature Study Area	City of Reno	\$55,182	\$110,559	Construction of trail and signage
Herman Pond Nature Trail	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$32,912	\$67,782	Construction of trail
Bridge Street Walkway	City of Yerington	\$14,640	\$29,280	Construction of trail
Great Unconformity Trail	Citizens for Active Management	\$5,070	\$10,140	Design and installation of interpretive panels
Kershaw Ryan Lookout Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks- Kershaw Ryan	\$10,969	\$37,297	Maintenance of trail, construction of trail and installation of kiosk and signage
Faye Luther Canyon Trailhead	American Land Conservancy	\$8,300	\$18,025	Construction of trailhead
Mexican Ditch Trail	Carson City Parks and Recreation	\$25,000	\$50,000	Construction of trail and signage
Linear Park	Carson City Parks and Recreation	\$68,500	\$139,000	Construction of trail and signage
Allen Road Recreational Bike Route	Churchill County Parks and Recreation	\$2,566	\$6,066	Installation of signage

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Tahoe Meadows Whole Access Trail Interpretive Signing	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$18,000	\$40,000	Installation of interpretive signs
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Interpretive Project	Nevada Division of State Park-Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort	\$22,908	\$33,981	Construction of trail and installation of interpretive signs
Valley of Fire Trails System Phase I	Nevada Division of State Parks-Valley of Fire	\$10,395	\$22,735	Construction of trail and interpretive signage
Clark County Wetlands Park Trail	Clark County Conservation District	\$41,850	\$69,950	Construction of trail and trailside facilities
Northside Trail System	City of Yerington	\$17,670	\$27,270	Construction of trail
Carson River Ranches Trail System	Nevada Division of State Parks-Fort Churchill	\$15,133	\$23,998	Construction of trail, trailhead and interpretive signage
Townwash Trailhead and Trails	City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation	\$45,000	\$354,867	Construction of trail, trailhead and trailside facilities
The Bloody Shins Trail Completion Project	BLM-Winnemucca	\$4,400	\$16,264	Construction and maintenance of trail, installation of trailside facilities and signage
Floyd Lamb Trail Maintenance Repair	Nevada Division of State Parks-Floyd Lamb	\$21,271	\$30,387	Maintenance of trail

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River Mountain Loop Trail Interpretive/ Educational Project	National Park Service-Lake Mead and River Mountain Partnership	\$39,600	\$56,600	Construction of trailside interpretive facilities, signage and interpretive brochures
Tahoe Rim Trail Sign and Brochures	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$14,200	\$28,763	Installation of signage and production of brochures
Ash Canyon Loop Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks-Echo Canyon	\$6,910	\$19,846	Construction of trail, installation of trailhead facilities and interpretive brochures
Mayberry Park River Trail Construction	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$45,000	\$107,100	Construction of trail
Pittman Wash Trail Connectors	City of Henderson Parks and Recreation	\$45,000	\$90,000	Construction of trail
River Mountain Trail Section 13	City of Henderson Parks and Recreation	\$45,000	\$225,000	Construction of trail
Ward Charcoal Ovens Trails, Trailhead and Interpretive Overlook	Nevada Division of State Parks-Ward Charcoal Ovens	\$15,722	\$45,483	Construction of trail, trailhead and trailside facilities
Carson Ranger District Travel Sign and Route Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$22,000	\$54,000	Installation and maintenance of signage
Silver Saddle Ranch Recreation Trail System	BLM-Carson City	\$20,000	\$31,820	Construction of trail, trailhead and interpretive signage

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
			COST	
Logandale Trail System Continuation	Nevada Trails Coalition	\$36,300	\$71,735	Construction of trailhead and signage
James Lee Park Trail System Expansion	Indian Hills GID	\$33,400	\$56,105	Construction of trail, trailhead and trailside facilities

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All Weather Paved Pedestrian Path	City of Reno Parks and Recreation	\$44,730	\$63,900	Construction of trail with interpretive signage
Oxbow Nature Study Area Boardwalk	City of Reno Parks and Recreation	\$44,118	\$63,025	Construction of trail
Lemmon Valley Marsh Nature Study Area	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$90,517	\$169,811	Construction of trail, trailhead and signage
Lion's Park Pathway	Mineral County Park and	\$6,339	\$9,055	Construction of trail
Town Wash Trail	Recreation City of Mesquite	\$60,997	\$67,138	Construction of trail, trailhead and trailside facilities
Trailside Rest at Floyd Lamb	Southern Nevada Regional Trails Partnership	\$48,118	\$68,841	Construction of trailside facilities
Linear Park Trail Phase II	Carson City Parks and Recreation	\$63,735	\$91,050	Construction of trail and signage
Blue Rock Trail System	Gardnerville Ranchos GID	\$52,143	\$74,490	Construction of trail and signage
Trail Safety Enhancements	City of Henderson Parks and	\$44,450	\$63,500	Installation of signage
Off Road Vehicle Trail Grooming Restoration	Recreation BLM-Carson City	\$21,700	\$46,020	Maintenance of trails
Travel Sign and Route Maintenance II	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$42,000	\$60,000	Installation and maintenance of signage
Recreational Trails Website Educational Project	Nevada Division of State Parks	\$4,000	\$5,746	Educational project

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			COST	
Juniper Draw Trailhead	Nevada Division of State Parks- Cathedral Gorge	\$16,940	\$23,760	Construction of trailhead
All Seasons Regional Trail Brochure	BLM-Carson City	\$13,200	\$26,200	Production of educational trail map
Silver Saddle Ranch Interpretive Signs	BLM-Carson City	\$16,000	\$20,000	Installation of interpretive signs
Quail Run Trail	Friends of the Desert Wetlands Park	\$31,056	\$38,919	Construction of trail and trailside facilities
Humboldt Area River Project Phase I	City of Elko	\$70,000	\$92,000	Construction of trail
West Shore Trail Renovation	Nevada Division of State Parks-South Fork	\$19,100	\$33,199	Construction of trail and trailhead
Beach Access Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks-Rye Patch	\$7,018	\$22,997	Construction of trail and signage
Square Top Trail and Trailhead	Nevada Division of State Parks-Cave Lake	\$20,584	\$28,084	Construction of trail, trailhead and interpretive signage
James Lee Park Trails Expansion	Indian Hills GID	\$25,250	\$38,490	Construction of trail, trailhead, trailside facilities and signage
Logandale Trails System Phase III	Nevada Trails Coalition	\$100,000	\$125,000	Construction of trailhead, trail maintenance and restoration, signage, interpretive brochures and map
Boulder Highway Trail	City of Henderson Parks and Recreation	\$58,550	\$83,050	Construction of trail
Martin Slough Park Nature Trail	City of Gardnerville	\$14,174	\$17,718	Construction of trail

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
			COST	
Truckee River Wayside Exhibits	City of Reno Parks and Recreation	\$20,000	\$25,000	Installation of signage
Equipment Purchase-Trail Construction	Nevada Division of State Parks-Lake Tahoe Nevada	\$6,062	\$19,871	Purchase of trail maintenance equipment
Lion's Park Pathway-Phase II and III	Mineral County Parks and Recreation	\$21,069	\$36,002	Construction of trail
Keystone Canyon Trailhead	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$45,150	\$70,150	Construction of trailhead and interpretive signage
Linear Park Trail- Phase III-B	Carson City Parks and Recreation	\$77,360	\$96,700	Construction of trail
Trail Safety Environmental Education Presentations and Brochures	Nevada Division of State Parks	\$11,931	\$14,836	Production of educational brochures and trail safety presentations

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Humboldt Area River Project Phase II	City of Elko	\$61,012	\$84,512	Construction of trail
Ward Mountain to Charcoal Ovens Historic Legacy Trail	Nevada Division of State Parks-Ward Charcoal Ovens	\$37,625	\$132,741	Construction of trail and trailside facilities
Ash Canyon Bridge	Nevada Division of State Parks-Echo Canyon	\$100,000	\$130,430	Construction of pedestrian bridge
Off Road Vehicle Trail Maintenance	Motorcycle Racing Association of Northern Nevada	\$52,650	\$83,610	Purchase of trail maintenance equipment and maintenance of trails
Urban Trail Improvement	City of Reno Parks and Recreation	\$100,000	\$126,339	Construction of trail and trailside facilities
Lake Tahoe Backcountry Historic Interpretive Signs	Nevada Division of State Parks-Lake Tahoe Nevada	\$5,000	\$6,665	Installation of interpretive signs
Comstock Interpretive Kiosk and Trail	Story County School District	\$26,000	\$41,236	Construction of trailhead and interpretive signage
Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District Travel Signs and Route Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$55,029	\$79,000	Maintenance and installation of signage
Thomas Creek Trailhead	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$48,000	\$68,000	Construction of trailhead and interpretive signage

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
			COST	
Thomas and Whites Creek Trail Development	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$50,000	\$70,000	Construction of trail
Whites Creek Trailhead	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$38,000	\$53,000	Construction of trailhead and signage
Great Basin Interpretive Trail	City of Carlin	\$32,150	\$43,150	Construction of trail

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	GRANT	TOTAL COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Access and Interpretive Trail Development	Nevada Division of State Parks-Wild Horse	\$12,224	\$15,434	Construction of trail
Beach Access Trail- Phase II	Nevada Division of State Parks-Rye Patch	\$4,333	\$13,405	Construction of trail
Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail System	BLM-Battle Mountain	\$7,540	\$18,340	Construction of trail
Evans Creek Trail Improvements	Truckee Meadows Trails Association	\$17,500	\$42,695	Construction of trail, rehabilitation of trail
Huffaker Hills Trailhead and Trails	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$61,100	\$81,250	Construction of trail and trailhead
Jumbo Grade Trailhead	Washoe County Parks and Recreation	\$60,477	\$131,477	Construction of trailhead
Lion's Park Pathway-Phase IV	Mineral County Parks and Recreation	\$36,120	\$54,583	Construction of trail
Motorized Recreational Trails in Northeastern Nevada	Elko Convention and Visitors Authority	\$68,222	\$137,055	Mapping of existing trails and signage
North Side Trail System-Phase III	City of Yerington	\$15,014	\$20,390	Construction of trail
Off-Road Vehicle Trail Maintenance- Phase II	Motorcycle Racing Association of Northern Nevada	\$10,500	\$27,500	Purchase of maintenance equipment and maintenance of trails

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OHV Travel Signs and Route Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$82,005	\$164,203	Installation and maintenance of signage, maintenance of trails, equipment purchase
Overlook Loop Trail	Friends of the Desert Wetlands Park	\$58,940	\$75,140	Construction of trail
Shoshone Range OHV Trail System Phase I	BLM-Battle Mountain	\$26,380	\$44,760	Installation of signage, equipment purchase, development of brochures
Tahoe Meadows OSV Area Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$40,651	\$67,854	Installation and maintenance of signage
Tahoe Rim Trail Maintenance	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$16,000	\$35,337	Maintenance of trail
Trail Access Information for Northern Nevada	Beneficial Designs	\$29,779	\$37,781	Mapping of trails, installation of signage
Urban Trail Improvement Grant	City of Reno Parks and Recreation	\$35,378	\$51,310	Construction of trail
Wetlands Park Trail Maintenance and Equipment	Conservation District of Southern Nevada	\$9,513	\$15,013	Purchase of trail maintenance equipment and trail maintenance
White's Dome Trail Improvement	Nevada Division of State Parks-Valley of Fire	\$17,925	\$40,108	Maintenance of trail
Wilson Canyon Recreation Management-Phase I	Friends of Wilson Canyon	\$14,790	\$24,279	Rehabilitation of trail and installation of signage

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Nevada Northern Railroad and City of Ely Path	White Pine County Chamber of Commerce	\$85,191	\$147,757	Construction of trail
Tahoe Rim Trail Maintenance	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$51,484	\$74,337	Maintenance of trail
James Lee Park Trails System Expansion 2004	Indian Hills GID	\$38,600	\$51,466	Construction of trail
Diverse Use Recreational Trails in Northeastern Nevada	Elko Convention and Visitors Authority	\$29,023	\$58,923	Mapping of existing trails, construction of trail and installation of signage
Chief Mountain Trailhead	BLM-Ely	\$113,925	\$153,968	Construction of trailhead
West Shore Trail Extension	Nevada Division of State Parks-South Fork	\$12,500	\$26,585	Construction of trail
Marlette Lake Trail	Great Basin Institute	\$77,968	\$147,968	Construction of trail
Tahoe Meadows Snowmobile Area Maintenance	USFS-Carson Ranger District	\$60,130	\$121,234	Installation and maintenance of signage
Mogul Verdi Bike Link	Nevada Land Conservancy	\$100,000	\$272,004	Construction of trail